CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method implemented by a digital processing system to process media data, said method comprising:

receiving at said digital processing system a time related sequence of media data provided to said digital processing system based on a set of data, wherein said set of data indicates a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, and wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with said time related sequence of media data; and

presenting at said digital processing system a media sequence associated with said time related sequence of media data.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said set of data is associated with a track of indicating data, and wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data, said packets provided to said digital processing system according to said transmission protocol.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

presenting a media object represented by said time related sequence of media data as said packets of data are received at said digital processing system.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing said time related sequence of media data.

7. A method implemented by a digital processing system to process media data, said method comprising:

receiving at a digital processing system a time related sequence of media data provided to said digital processing system based on a set of data, wherein said set of data indicates a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, and wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

storing, in a storage area coupled to said digital processing system, said time related sequence of media data.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said set of data is associated with a track of indicating data, and wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data, said packets provided to said digital processing system according to said transmission protocol.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

presenting a media object represented by said time related sequence of media data as said packets of data are received at said digital processing system.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data.

12. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

presenting at said digital processing system said at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data represented by said time related sequence of media data.

13. A machine readable medium containing executable program instructions, which when executed on a digital processing system cause the digital processing system to perform a method comprising:

retrieving at said digital processing system a time related sequence of media data provided to said digital processing system based on a set of data, wherein said set of data indicates a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data to said digital processing system according to a transmission protocol, and wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

presenting at said digital processing system said time related sequence media data.

14. The machine readable medium of claim 13, wherein said set of data is associated with a track of indicating data, and wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

15. The machine readable medium of claim 13, wherein said executable program instructions, when executed on said digital processing system, further cause said digital processing system to perform the method comprising:

receiving packets of data representing said time related sequence of media data, said packets provided to said digital processing system according to said transmission protocol.

16. The machine readable medium of claim 13, wherein said executable program instructions, when executed on said digital processing system, further cause said digital processing system to perform the method comprising:

presenting a media object represented by said time related sequence of media data in response to said packets of data being retrieved at said digital processing system.

17. The machine readable medium of claim 15, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data.

18. The machine readable medium of claim 13, wherein said executable program instructions, when executed on said digital processing system, further cause said digital processing system to perform the method comprising:

storing information associated with a media object represented by said time related sequence of media data in response to said packets of data being retrieved at said digital processing system.

19. The machine readable medium of claim 13, wherein said executable program instructions, when executed on said digital processing system, further cause said digital processing system to perform the method comprising:

reassembling said information associated with said media object represented by said time related sequence of media data; and

presenting said media object at said digital processing system.

20. The machine readable medium of claim 13, comprising a magnetic storage medium.

21. The machine readable medium of claim 13, comprising an optical storage medium.

22. The machine readable medium of claim 13, comprising an electronic storage medium.

23. A machine readable medium accessible by a digital processing system, said machine readable medium comprising:

a time related sequence of media data associated with a set of data to indicate a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol, wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

a set of instructions to allow said digital processing system to present said time related sequence of media data.

24. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein said set of data is associated with a track of indicating data, and wherein said transmission protocol comprises a packet data protocol.

25. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein said time related sequence of media data is provided to said digital processing system as packets of data according to said transmission protocol.

26. The machine readable medium of claim 23, wherein said set of instructions further allow said digital processing system to present a media object represented by said time related sequence of media data.

27. The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein for each of said packets, said set of data refers to data in at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data.

28. The machine readable medium of claim 23, further comprising:

a storage area to store a file associated with said time related sequence of media data; and

a routine to allow said digital processing system to access said file to reassemble said time related sequence of media data to be processed by said set of instructions.

29. The machine readable medium of claim 23, comprising a magnetic storage medium.

30. The machine readable medium of claim 23, comprising an optical storage medium.

31. The machine readable medium of claim 23, comprising an electronic storage medium.

32. A digital processing system comprising:

a data communication interface to provide to said digital processing system data packets that represent a time related sequence of media data and provided to said digital processing system in accordance with at least one of an instruction and information provided by a set of data that indicates a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data as packets according to a transmission protocol, and wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

a processor, coupled to said data communication interface, to process said time related sequence of media data.

33. The digital processing system of claim 32, wherein said processor is coupled to a device to process said time related sequence of media data to be presented as a media object by said device.

34. The digital processing system of claim 33, wherein said device comprises an audio output device.

35. The digital processing system of claim 33, wherein said output device comprises a video output device.

36. The digital processing system of claim 32, wherein said processor is coupled to a storage area to store a file representing said time related sequence of media data.

37. The digital processing system of claim 32, wherein said processor is coupled to a storage area having stored therein:

a set of instructions that, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to present said at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data represented by said time related sequence of media data.

38. The digital processing system of claim 32, wherein said storage area further has stored therein:

a set of instructions that, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to create a file representing said at least one of a sequence of image data and a sequence of audio data represented by said media data.

39. The digital processing system of claim 38, wherein said storage area further has stored therein:

another set of instructions that, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to reassemble said file representing said at least one of said sequence of image data and sequence of audio data, and present said reassembled file.

40. A system for processing media data, comprising:

a first means for receiving a time related sequence of media data provided to said digital processing system in accordance with a set of data for indicating a method to transmit said time related sequence of media data to said system according to a transmission protocol, wherein said set of data is a time related sequence of data associated with and separate from said time related sequence of media data; and

a second means for processing said time related sequence of media data.

41. The system of claim 40, further comprising:

a storing means for storing a file representing at least one of said sequence of image data and said sequence of audio data; and

a reassembly means for reassembling said file for presentation by said second means.

42. The system of claim 40, wherein said second means comprises:

a storing means for storing a set of instructions for enabling said system to present a media object associated with said time related sequence of media data.

43. The system of claim 42, wherein said second means further comprises:

a presenting means for presenting said media object.

44. The system of claim 40, wherein said second means further comprises:

a processing means for executing said set of instructions.